

U.S. House and Senate Notification
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To: Congressional Health Staff

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Re: CMS Processing Pharmacy DME Accreditation Determinations

CMS will continue to process accreditation determinations for pharmacies after January 1, 2010. The revocation process for those who do not meet the accreditation requirement will be prioritized based on any potential beneficiary access issues as well as the Agency's workload. Pharmacies should proceed with their accreditation activities and the accrediting organization will notify the National Supplier Clearinghouse of any newly processed accreditations.

CMS encourages pharmacies to complete their accreditation applications as soon as possible and will notify pharmacies that furnish DME items of any changes in the accreditation requirements.

If you have questions, please contact the CMS Office of Legislation. Thank you.